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To: Microsoft ATR
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U.S. District Court Judge J. Frederick Motz

I implore you to rule that the settlement proposed by Microsoft's lawyers does not impose the remedy that would address their misdeeds. They are giving away product that will cost them less than \$400 Million dollars but not give the schools the \$1 Billion they claim is the settlement.

Two previous courts have ruled that Microsoft has broken the antitrust laws. Their proposed settlement does not hold them accountable in any meaningful way and actually advances their illegal gains. Schools will receive product that will further Microsoft products at the expense of Apple Computer and free choice. The nine remaining states are right to reject this settlement and you should send the message that monopolists must be brought to justice just as any other convicted felon.

Here in Connecticut, our attorney general, has been one of the lead attorneys in the case against Microsoft and for free choice in the marketplace. I trust his judgment in rejecting the proposed Microsoft settlement. He has steadfastly stood up and spoken out on my behalf to ensure that individuals, companies and governments are given the right to choose the solution that best suits their needs and not one dictated by a convicted monopolist.

Your decision will affect lives for many years to come. It is a heavy burden. You must decide and demonstrate that laws and the judiciary decide on a just penalty, not a self serving industrial bully.

I look forward to seeing how you decide.

Sincerely,

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